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1. BELOW IS THE TEXT OF AN ARTICLE WHICH WAS HEADLINED TODAY, APRIL 24, ON THE FRONT PAGE OF ALL SAUDI NEWSPAPERS AS WELL AS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER "ARAB NEWS."

2. BEGIN TEXT. JORDAN AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL EXCHANGE HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY DELEGATIONS NEXT MONTH, PROBABLY TO EXPLORE JORDANIAN PURCHASES OF A SOVIET ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE SYSTEM, AN AMMAN NEWSPAPER REPORTED FRIDAY.

THE WEEKLY "AKHBAR AL-USBOU" SAID JORDAN WAS SHOPPING FOR A SOVIET MISSILE SYSTEM AFTER BREAKDOWN OF A DEAL UNDER WHICH JORDAN WITH SAUDI ARABIAN MONEY, WAS TO BUY A U.S. HAWK MISSILE SYSTEM.

CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, YOUNGER BROTHER OF KING HASSEIN IS DUE TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA MONDAY. THIS HAS GIVEN RISE REPORTS THAT THE HAWK DEAL MAY BE REVIVED.

JORDANIAN OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT A MODERN AIR
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DEFENSE SYSTEM IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR JORDAN

WHICH IS DEFENSELESS AGAINST THE SOPHISTICATED ISRAEL
AIR FORCE.

JORDANIANS SAY THEY WOULD MUCH PREFER TO CONTINUE
BUYING ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ANTI-COMMUNIST
SAUDI ARABIA DOES NOT WANT TO SPEND ITS MONEY IN THE
SOVIET UNION.

BUT THEY SAID IF THE HAWK DEAL FINALLY FALLS
THROUGH, KING HUSSEIN, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT
MOSCOW NEXT JUNE, WILL TURN TO THE SOVIETS WHO ARE
OFFERING A SAM AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM AT A LOWER PRICE
THAN THE HAWK SYSTEM. END TEXT.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF OUR BELIEF PER REFTEL THAT DURING
THIS DELICATE PERIOD THE LESS SAID IN JORDAN ABOUT AIR
DEFENSE THE BETTER, WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED TO KNOW
THE SOURCE OF THE ARTICLE ABOVE.
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